

Genesis 1:1:1 – 2:4a, Psalm 8, Acts 2:22-36, Matthew 28:16-20

Today is Holy Trinity Sunday. It always comes on the Sunday following Pentecost. Following Pentecost, the disciples experienced all three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In fact, this is God's Full Name.

When you were baptized you were baptized into His Full name. A Pastor applied water with the words, using the words that our risen Lord gave to His disciples when commissioned to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them obey all that I have commanded, and Lo, I am with you to the end of the age.” When you were baptized into the whole work of the Triune God, made a member of the Church. And it is the Churches mission to teach and proclaim what this means.

Our God to who you were baptized into is, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons, one God. God is not each of these persons in turn at different times. God is all three, simultaneously, three persons in one Divine essence, each person equal in power and alike eternal. In essence the one God is a relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We learn much about God by how the three persons relate to one another. God desires us humans to relate to one another in a similar way, drawn into God's very own Holy life. If this sounds baffling to you don't be discouraged. It is a mystery beyond our full comprehension.

A story is told by Saint Augustine, one the great leaders of the early church. He was bishop of Hippo in the early 4th century. This brilliant scholar was writing a famous book on the Triune God in which we worship. One day he was walking along the beach of North Africa where he saw a small boy with a pail, pouring seawater into a small hole he had dug in the sand. Augustine watched the boy run back and forth to fill the pail up with water and then ran to the hole to fill it up. Eventually Augustine asked the boy what he was doing. "I am pouring the sea into this hole," Don't be stupid, you can't fit the sea into that little hole. You are wasting your time." The boy shot back, "And so are you trying to write a book on God." Augustine wrote that book, and with the boys' help he did it with great humility for which the church is eternally grateful.

God's fullness and greatness and especially the doctrine of the Trinity is certainly beyond our full comprehension. Our little brains and hearts are not capable of taking it all in or even capable of answering all the questions we have ask about God. We would need to be God to Him completely. It has been said that God in the Trinity is so incomprehensible that need try to explain it, but only adore and worship Him. So here we are this morning to worship Him!

However, are not left completely ignorant. God has revealed what we do need to know in the Holy Scriptures and in the flesh and blood Word of Jesus. We can learn much about God, how he feels toward us, what He wants of us and how He can transform our lives into the people He created us to be.

Our First reading from God's Word is all about life. We begin at the beginning, in Genesis 1 and learn That God made all things, wonderfully and carefully. We learn here that the fullness of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is involved. The Spirit of God moving over the chaos, Voice of the Father speaking the word, "Let there be..." and it was. Nothing is left to chance. He made everything that is Good. Not only did He create everything, but He also created you.

"Then God Said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, according to our likeness...'" Let us make... Here we have The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit communicating with one another, to make humans. He created you. He made you in His own image, yet unique and wonderful with all kinds of gifts and talents. Now you may not like things about you, and you would like to change some things about you, but in God's eyes you are who you are for a purpose. God make no mistakes with you. He gave you this life and rejoices in your life. And He sustains your life. You are not on Your own. If you were on your own, you would not have made this far. But your Father in heaven is caring for and giving you all that you need for this body, soul, and life. God loves you.

It is in the Second Reading shows us how deep God's Love is for you. It is love that does not stop giving even when it is not returned. It is love that kept giving, after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit in the Garden and Eden. Even, then God did not reject them. In fact, He promised them and us a Savior. The Word of God who spoke creation into existence Became in Flesh and dwelt among us. This Word who became flesh is our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son who is featured in our

second lesson. And So, it is Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, stood up to the people: “What God had promised, God has Done. He sent His Son; His Son to be handed over to be crucified on the cross so that you could have life. The Life that was tossed aside in the Garden of Eden is now restored in Jesus in His death and Resurrection. He has loved you and saved you. Your sins, all the thoughts, misspoken words, deeds, and desires are all paid for. You have His forgiveness. All accomplished in Love, a love that gives, and will not stop giving.

This now brings us to our Gospel and how God is continuing to give and to love in this day. He sends His Apostles out to give that life, through teaching and baptizing. Teaching and baptizing into His Name, Then Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. For where His name is preached and shared the Holy Spirit is at work drawing and calling those whom God loves into His life. God the Father sent the Son, The Father, and Son Sent Holy Spirit to draw us back to the Father so that relationship with God that was broken in the beginning be restored. Through the love and forgiveness of God. In that receiving that love and forgiveness, by grace through faith we confess the same. With the Father the He worshiped and glorified.

Today is Trinity Sunday. We confess our God is a triune God, infinite, incomprehensible, eternal, uncreated, almighty. These are way beyond our understanding. Yet, God desires that we know Him, and worship Him. He has given us what we need know in the Scriptures and revealed Himself in His Son Jesus Christ. In this worship of God for all the good, His creation, His Salvation, and Continued sustaining Work through the Spirit flows all other things.

The Works for our neighbor benefit. The outreach, the love and care for others, the increasing knowledge of His Word. From this worship comes the life and faith to face the trials and difficulties of this life. With confidence and hope,

The Peace of God which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

